

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 29. (canceled)

1           30. (new) A method of making an electronic component  
2 having a chip module with module contacts and an antenna having  
3 antenna contacts, the method comprising the steps of:

4               securing the chip module and module contacts to the inner  
5 face of a module film having an outer periphery projecting past the  
6 chip module and module contacts;

7               securing the antenna and antenna contacts to a face of a  
8 support;

9               pressing the module film against the support such that  
10 the module contacts engage and bear on the antenna contacts; and

11              bonding the outer periphery to the face of the support  
12 generally all around the chip module.

1           31. (new) The method defined in claim 30 wherein the  
2 contacts of the chip module or of the antenna have points so that  
3 when pressed against the other contacts they penetrate the other  
4 contacts.

1           32. (new) The method defined in claim 31 wherein the  
2 pointed contacts are of pyramidal shape.

1           33. (new) The method defined in claim 32 wherein each  
2 pointed contact is formed by a multiplicity of particles.

1           34. (new) The method defined in claim 33 wherein the  
2 particles are nickel-coated diamond particles.

1           35. (new) The method defined in claim 30 wherein the  
2 module film is an elongated strip carrying a plurality of the  
3 module chips and their respective module contacts at a uniform  
4 predetermined module spacing, the method further comprising the  
5 step of:

6           longitudinally subdividing the strip into film sections  
7 each of which is of a length equal to the predetermined module  
8 spacing.

1           36. (new) The method defined in claim 35 wherein the  
2 support to whose face the antenna and antenna contacts are secured  
3 is a surface of packaging.

1           37. (new) The method defined in claim 35 wherein the  
2 support to whose face the antenna and antenna contacts are secured  
3 is an elongated strip carrying a plurality of the antennas and the  
4 respective antenna contacts at a predetermined uniform antenna  
5 spacing that is substantially greater than the module spacing.

1           38. (new) The method defined in claim 37 wherein the  
2 longitudinal subdivision of the strip carrying the modules is  
3 carried out before pressing the film sections against the  
4 respective antenna on its strip.

1           39. (new) The method defined in claim 38, further  
2 comprising the step, after longitudinally subdividing the strip  
3 carrying the modules, of longitudinally spacing the film sections  
4 by the antenna spacing.

1           40. (new) The method defined in claim 37, wherein the  
2 strip carrying the modules is pressed against the strip carrying  
3 the antennas before longitudinally subdividing the strip, the  
4 longitudinal subdivision of the strip carrying the modules being  
5 carried out by removing pieces of the module strip between  
6 succeeding modules.

1           41. (new) The method defined in claim 37, further  
2 comprising the step of  
3           coating the antenna strip with adhesive prior to pressing  
4 the module strip against the antenna strip.

1           42. (new) The method defined in claim 41 wherein the  
2 coating with adhesive is only done to discrete regions of the  
3 antenna strip adjacent the antenna contacts.

1           43. (new) The method defined in claim 42 wherein the  
2 discrete regions have a size generally corresponding to the module  
3 spacing.

1           44. (new) The method defined in claim 37, further  
2 comprising the steps of  
3           releasably mounting the module strip on a mounting strip;  
4           separating the mounting strip from the module strip prior  
5 to securing thereto the modules and module contacts; and  
6           releasably securing the modules directly to the mounting  
7 strip at least after longitudinal subdivision of the module strip.

1           45. (new) The method defined in claim 44 wherein the  
2 modules are releasably secured to the mounting strip before  
3 longitudinal subdivision of the module strip and the longitudinal  
4 subdivision of the module strip is carried out by removing pieces  
5 of the module strip between the modules.

1           46. (new) The method defined in claim 37, further  
2 comprising the step of  
3           rolling up the antenna strip after pressing the module  
4 film against the antenna strip forming the support.

1           47. (new) The method defined in claim 46, further  
2 comprising the step prior to rolling up the antenna strip of  
3           inspecting the modules.

1           48. (new) The method defined in claim 47, further  
2 comprising the step after inspecting the modules of marking any  
3 modules failing inspection.

1           49. (new) The method defined in claim 37, further  
2 comprising the step of  
3           releasably adhering a mounting strip to a face of the  
4 antenna strip turned away from the module strip.

1           50. (new) The method defined in claim 37, further  
2 comprising the step of  
3           releasably adhering a mounting strip to faces of the  
4 module strip turned away from the antenna strip and to exposed  
5 portions of the face of the antenna strip between adjacent film  
6 sections.

1           51. (new) The method defined in claim 30 wherein the  
2 module is associated with two respective module contacts and the  
3 module is secured to the film between the two respective contacts.

1           52. (new) The method defined in claim 30 wherein the  
2 module film is flexible and of plastic.